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SUBJ: 63RD INTL LABOR CONFERENCE (ILC); DEMARCHE TO SWISS

REF: (A) STATE 105258; (B) BERN 2108 AND (C) BERN 2131

1. MAY 20 POL/ECON COUNSELOR MET WITH JEAN CLIVAZ,
SWISS LABOR DELEGATE TO ILC, TO DISCUSS REF A TALKING
POINTS ON U S POSITION.

2. CLIVAZ SAID HE WAS FAMILIAR WITH U S POSITION
WITH WHICH HE IS IN FULL SYMPATHY. HE SAID THAT INCREASED
POLITICIZATION OF ILO, PARTICULARLY THROUGH
SOVIET INFLUENCE OVER THIRD WORLD MEMBERS, HAD DIS-
APPOINTED HIM BECAUSE ILO HAS BEEN ONLY EFFECTIVE
INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION. CLIVAZ SAID HE
FEELS STRONGLY ABOUT STATUS OF ILO AS TECHNICAL BODY
AND HAD NOT HESITATED TO VOTE AGAINST ADMITTING PLO
IN 1975. HE BELIEVED IT WOULD BE SERIOUS LOSS TO
LABOR MOVEMENT IF ILO WERE TO BECOME WHOLLY MEANINGLESS,
POLITICIZED BODY.

3. CLIVAZ EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT U S HAD TAKEN
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LEAD IN EFFORT TO RETURN ILO TO ITS BASIC PRINCIPLES.
HE BELIEVED THAT SOME PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN 1976
ILC AND NOTED THAT COMING ILC WOULD BE CRUCIAL TEST.
CLIVAZ DID NOT EXPECT 1977 ILC TO BE FREE FROM
POLITICS AND EXTRANEIOUS ISSUES, BUT HE WAS CAUTIOUSLY
OPTIMISTIC THAT WE COULD EXPECT CONTINUATION OF TREND
TOWARDS DEPOLITICIZATION.

4. CLIVAZ SPOKE HIGHLY OF QUALIFICATIONS OF JOSEPH
MORRIS AND SAID HE WOULD SUPPORT MORRIS FOR ILC CHAIRMAN.
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